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The origin of the plague cases was not determined. The disease was in persons who had not been out of Cebu. They did not seem to be associated with the previous cases nor with each other.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Quarantine transactions—Vital statistics—Immigration.

Acting Chief Quarantine Officer Clark reports, March 8, as follows:

Quarantine transactions at San Juan and the six subports of the island of Porto Rico, for the month of February, 1904.

San Juan.—Month of February, 1904. Vessels inspected, 21; bills of health issued, 27; vessels held in quarantine, 3; vessels disinfected, 0; passengers detained in quarantine for observation, 2; persons vaccinated, 0. The bedding and dunnage of the crew of the U. S. training ship *Monongahela* were disinfected.

The steamers *Philadelphia* and *Caracas* arrived at this port during the month upon their regular schedules from Venezuelan ports bound for New York. The former entered on February 10 and the latter on February 24. Neither of these vessels brought passengers requiring detention nor baggage for disinfection. They were placed in quarantine under guard during the few hours they remained in port.

The Spanish steamship *Montevideo* arrived on February 21, from Habana via Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Curaçao, Puerto Cabello, and La Guaira. This vessel carried 2 nonimmune passengers for Porto Rico, and these were taken to the quarantine station for detention and observation. The steamer was held in quarantine while at this port.

On February 23 a letter was received from Captain Dunlap, U. S. Navy, commandant of the navy-yard at this port, stating that diphtheria existed among the crew of the U. S. training ship *Monongahela* lying anchored in the harbor, and requesting that the bedding and dunnage of the crew be disinfected. This was done with steam and formaldehyde on the barge *Defender*, the ship proper being disinfected under the supervision of naval officers.

The following is a summary of the transactions at the several subports:

Vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 6; Arecibo, 4; Humacao, 1; Aguadilla, 5; Fajardo, 5, and Arroyo, 0.

The mortality reports from the subports are as follows:

Mayaguez, 96; Arecibo, 64; Humacao, 50; Aguadilla, 46; Arroyo, 8. From Fajardo no report has been received.

Nothing of special interest has occurred at the subports during the month.

Vital statistics of the city of San Juan, Porto Rico, for the month of February, 1904.

Malarial fever, pernicious	2	Valvular disease, heart (1 aortic, 2 mitral)	3
Tetanus, infantile	3	Bronchitis	2
Tubercle of lungs	15	Pneumonia	1
Tubercle of liver	1	Gastro-enteritis	5
Tuberculosis, general	2	Enterocolitis	3
Syphilis	1	Bright's disease	1
Cancer of mouth	1	Still born	8
Cancer of liver	1		
Cancer	1		
Rickets	4	Total	69
Anæmia	2		
Leucocythæmia	1	February, 1904:	
Old age	4	Deaths	69
Meningitis	3	Births	77
Inflammation of brain	2	February, 1903:	
Hemorrhage of brain	1	Deaths	63
Epilepsy	1	Births	76
Endocarditis	1		

*Immigration at San Juan.**Report of alien passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended March 5, 1904.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Feb. 28	Spanish ss. Montserrat.....	Genoa, Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, La Palma.	9
29	Spanish ss. Catalina	Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Tenerife, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Palma, Torre Vieja.	13
Mar. 5	French ss. Ferdinand de Lesseps	Havre and St. Thomas	12
	Total		34

Report of alien passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended March 12, 1904.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Mar. 7	British ss. Eden	Barbados, Castries, Fort de France, Roseau, Point à Pitre, Montserrat, St. John, Antigua; St. Christopher, and St. Thomas.	10
9	American ss. Philadelphia	Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, and La Guayra.	1
	Total		11

Immigration at the subports.

Report of alien passengers arriving during the week ended March 5, 1904, at the six subports of Porto Rico.

MAYAGUEZ.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Mar. 2	Spanish ss. Catalina	Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Torre Vieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, and Tenerife.	2
5	French ss. Salvador	Fort de France, Pointe à Pitre, Basse Terre, and Saint Thomas.	3
	Total		5